

POWELL SEES WYCOMBE TO TOP SPOT

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WYCOMBE, champions of the Isthmian League four times in the past six seasons, are the new leaders in Division I following a 2-0 win at Tilbury against last season's Division II champions.

After a hesitant start to the season, Wycombe have steadily improved under their manager. Ted Powell, the ex-Wycombe and England amateur defender who took over in May when Brian Lee ended his long and successful spell with the club.

Injury to goalkeeper Ian Maskell in the opening match hit Wanderers, but he is back now and they have been beaten only once in their last eight games. That was a 3-2 defeat by Slough, the team Powell rates as the best Wycombe have met.

Powell made a shrewd signing in Howard Kettleborough, formerly with Dunstable, a striker who has scored in four of his first six appearances. Ian Pearson, with 11 goals

DIVISION I TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	11	2	5	31	19	35
Dagenham	10	3	3	30	17	33
Hitchin	10	3	3	21	14	33
Leatherhead	9	1	6	24	15	28
Tooting	8	4	5	37	31	28
Leytonstone	7	3	5	23	18	24
Slough	7	3	3	18	13	24
Bishop's Stortford	7	2	7	24	20	23
Sutton	6	4	5	23	22	22
Walthamstow ...	6	2	8	20	24	20
Enfield	5	4	2	11	10	19
Hendon	6	1	9	21	24	19
Woking	5	3	5	18	15	18
Croydon	5	3	4	14	13	18
Southall	5	3	7	26	26	18
Tilbury	5	2	7	11	16	17
Hayes	5	2	8	13	19	17
Staines	4	3	5	12	13	15
Dulwich	3	4	6	14	18	13
Barking	4	1	8	13	21	13
Kingstonian	2	5	8	10	22	9
Ilford	1	4	12	6	30	7